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FOR CU ASSISTANT SECRETARY RICHARDSON FROM AMB. HILL

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SUBJ: ITINERARY VISITORS RICAU & ROMAN BICENTENNIAL GIFT

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1. IN REFTEL WE INFORMED DEPT THAT ARGENTINE CITIZENS LUIS RICAU AND EDMUNDO ABERASTURY HAD REQUESTED AN APPOINTMENT WITH VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER OR SECRETARY KISSINGER IN ORDER TO PRESENT A BEAUTIFUL LEATHER-BOUND EDITION OF RECENTLY COMPLETED CANTATA "SYMPHONY IN WHITE AND BLACK (ABRAHAM LINCOLN)" AS A PRIVATE, SPONTANEOUS BICENTENNIAL GIFT TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES. RICAU IS A RESPECTED BUSINESSMAN AND PRODUCER WHO COMMISSIONED THE WORK FROM ABERASTURY, A WELL-KNOWN COMPOSER PROFESSIONALLY KNOWN AS CLAUDIO ROMAN. A TOTAL OF 40 ARTISTS AND ARTISANS WORKED ON THE SYMPHONY. RICAU AND ABERASTURY ARE PREPARED TO TRAVEL TO U.S. AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE FOR PRESENTATION ANY TIME DURING MAY.

2. WE HAVE NOW BEEN INFORMED BY STATE 121520 THAT THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION, RATHER THAN THE VICE PRESIDENT OR THE SECRETARY, WILL ACCEPT THE GIFT. GIVEN THE INTRINSIC VALUE OF THE GIFT AND THE POSITIVE EFFECT ITS PRESEN-

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TATION WOULD HAVE ON OUR RELATIONS WITH THE

NEW GOA, I FEEL IT MOST IMPORTANT THAT THE
DEPT FIND SOMEONE MORE SENIOR TO ACCEPT THE
SYMPHONY AND WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR
PERSONAL ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER.
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